Office of the National Ombudsman

FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT FAIRNESS ROUNDTABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Friday, September 21, 2007 Tampa, FL

Have you or a small business owner you know been unfairly fined or penalized by a federal government agency, or is a federal agency enforcement action imminent?

This is a public roundtable sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to assist small business owners with unfair or excessive federal regulatory enforcement issues. To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, the SBA National Ombudsman holds regulatory fairness forums across the United States. Concerns and complaints aired at this roundtable will be directed to the appropriate Federal regulatory agency for a high-level review. If any small business, non-profit organization, small government entity believe they have experienced unfair regulatory enforcement or compliance actions they may submit their comments to the National Ombudsman. A secondary goal is to educate the public, local communities, stakeholders and SBA staff about the mission and role of the Office of the National Ombudsman. In many instances, comments referred by the National Ombudsman to federal agencies have resulted in reduced or waived penalties and/or compliance actions. At a minimum, the agencies review enforcement action to ensure fairness.

Who: SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens will join the Greater Tampa Chamber of

Commerce for a roundtable to provide small business owners, representatives of community and trade associations with an opportunity to discuss Federal compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies. The forum provides the opportunity for the National Ombudsman to be informed of Federal regulatory enforcement concerns impacting America's small businesses.

Where: Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

615 Channelside Drive, Suite 108

Tampa, FL 33602

When: Friday, September 21, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We Encourage You To Inform Your Colleagues and Association Members About This RegFair Roundtable And Invite You to Join Us

To register or for additional information contact Chris Smith, Vice President of Public Policy, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce at 813-276-9455 or E-mail: csmith@tampachamber.com